

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 806

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Pope John Paul II High School Lady Knights basketball team.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by head coach Karen Serra, the Pope John Paul II High School Lady Knights basketball squad is one such estimable team which advanced to the TSSAA Division II-A State Basketball Tournament on March 2, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Knights basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2011-2012 season, compiling an impressive record of twenty-five wins, the most in the school's history, to only seven losses; and

WHEREAS, the young women of the 2011-2012 Pope John Paul II Lady Knights basketball team have displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance. The members of this extraordinary team are: Sarah Galvin, Emily Peel, Demisha Porter, Kyndal Hale, Sierra Anglin, Bailey Foulke, Helen Shaw, Julia Meyer, Chelsey Smith, Lillian Baker, Lauren Ransom, Madison Taylor, Nicole Kirby, Ellen Gerstner, and Rachel Richardson; and

WHEREAS, benefiting from the vast basketball knowledge and wisdom shared by head coach Karen Serra, the Lady Knights also enjoyed the instruction, insight, and support of outstanding assistant coaches Kaneka Brown and Jimmy Steen; and

WHEREAS, the team is also especially grateful for the invaluable support of its managers, Jenna Singer and Marta Gautsch; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a successful season, but also surely point toward continued success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding spirit, the Lady Knights of Pope John Paul II High School have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee take great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both in their sport and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the coaches and players of the Pope John Paul II High School Lady Knights basketball team on their tremendous 2011-2012 season and their appearance in the TSSAA Division II-A state basketball tournament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.